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**PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No.: 106498

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

In re the Application of

Francois SMOLAREK

Application No.: 09/592,284

Filed: June 12, 2000

For: A MOLD FOR MANUFACTURING A STICK

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.

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Sir:

In reply to the November 21, 2002 Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, line 35 - page 5, line 3, ~~delete current paragraph~~ and insert therefor:

*C1*  
The recesses 12 create zones of weakness which make it easier to deform the mold radially as mentioned above, while the zones of greater thickness between the recesses 12 ensure that the shape of the mold remains stable while the composition is being cast and while it is cooling, in particular. As shown in Figure 1, the recesses 12 creating the zones of weakness may extend longitudinally beyond a bottom wall 4 of an inner cavity of the mold.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~replace~~ claims 1, 4-6, 11, 16, 22, 27, 33, 38, 44, 49, 55, 60, 75, 80, 87 and 91 as follows:

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